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## The Black Hills a Fraud.

Letters received from Lawson Hawn describe "new discoveries of rich mines constantly being made along the mineral district" of the Black Hills.

The Black Hills, under the auspices of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, have assumed mammoth proportions, which call for an exposition of some of the facts in relation to this assumed, and with many accredited, Golconda.

The area of the Black Hill country is extremely meagre when compared with mining districts already recognized and established within the geographical survey of the world.

Upon the west the Black Hills front on the Wind River, and on the north embrace a part of the southwestern portion of the Territory of Dakota; on the south it extends to Sidney, taking the eastern point as Cheyenne city and creek within its boundary, as far east upon the eastern meridian as the junction of Deer Creek, with the Little Laramie as the eastern boundary.

This scope of secondary volcanic results has never been considered by any scientific prospector as a basin containing any of the rarer minerals (such as gold and silver) worthy of a secondary consideration. The entire area does not contain over three hundred square miles within the arc of its general cycle (for cycle it is, geographically) and representing, mineral speaking, the surface outcrop of magnetic iron.

The entire physical representation is that of small bodies of magnetic iron, dispersed over all of the cardinal prominences of the elevated portions of the country.

Any man at all acquainted with the formations of mineral producing countries will at once acknowledge that gold is found in laminae and powder (flour the general term) wherever the sulphurite of iron is found dissolved. Iron and copper pyrites have long been proved to be the matrix in which gold is found to be the germ of the metallic base in which it exists, the gold always being in minute quantities.

The Wind River country has been most thoroughly prospected at as early a date as 1862, when an outfit of Mormons from Utah explored the country for the double purpose of opening up more Mormon territory, and finding placer mines.

The first outfit were returned Mormons from the gold fields of California, and were educated in all indicative representations of gold fields. The second explorations extended down the Wind River Range to the head waters of the Big and Little Laramie Rivers, thence across the heart of the Black Hills mountains to Sidney. They prospected the entire Black Hills region, and had the sanction of Spotted Tail to facilitate their measures. The reports returned to headquarters in Utah, was to the effect that "the Black Hills contain, in and through the entire surface soil, gold in flour, but in quantities not to justify working. Second, that the seasons were so short, and snows so deep that only about three months of the entire year was adapted to grazing cattle. Farming was out of the question."

The third general exploring party not only explored the heart of the Black Hills country, but they passed through Dakota and entered the British Provinces and returned through Idaho into Nevada, thence to California. All reports that have ever come from the Black Hills through government officers or mining prospectors, where those parties were not bought up for special purposes, have been uniform in the general denunciation of the country as one that would not justify looking after as a gold bearing or producing region. The Union Pacific Railroad, from the beginning, had an eye to the future control of the country from the head waters of the Missouri River, through the Yellowstone Valley, as the future cattle growing reserves of the United States.

The Sioux Indian presented an impregnable barrier to this, their pet scheme, and there was no possible legitimate showing for a successful move in that direction except the bugbear of the "Black Hills Gold Fields."

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**W. M. HUEST.**

## NOTICE.

Any person finding cattle branded D on the hip and side, off my range on the Cimarron, south of Dodge city, will be paid by notifying me at Dodge city.

**J. W. DRISKILL.**

**NOTICE.**—U. S. Land Office, Larned Kansas, Feb. 12, 1877. Complaint having been entered at this office by William Wilkins against James Hanrahan, for abandoning his T. C. entry No. 272, dated April 24, 1874, upon the lots 3, 4 and north 1/2 of northeast quarter, section 26, township 26 south, range 25 west, in Ford county, Kansas, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 25th day of March, 1877, at 9 o'clock a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

**C. A. MORRIS, Register.**

## THE TIMES JOB OFFICE

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## Mayor's Proclamation!

**CITY OF DODGE CITY, }  
STATE OF KANSAS, }  
COUNTY OF FORD, }**

**TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING;**

**KNOW YE,** That I, George M. Hoover, Mayor of the city of Dodge City, county and State aforesaid, by virtue of authority in me vested, do hereby give notice that, on the

**First Monday in April, 1877,**

There will be held a city election in and for said city of Dodge City, and that the officers at that time to be chosen are as follows:

One Mayor,  
One Police Judge,  
Five Councilmen.

Witness my hand this 9th day of March, A. D. 1877.

**GEORGE M. HOOVER,**  
Mayor.

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